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WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE MFA OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON THE
FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND THE CEREMONY FOR THE SWEARING-IN OF
JUAN CARLOS AS FOLLOWS: (ALL TIMES LOCAL)

1. FRANCO'S LYING IN STATE - FRANCO'S REMAINS WILL LIE
IN STATE AT THE ROYAL PALACE (PALACIO DE ORIENTE) FROM 0800
FRIDAY, NOV 21. (THOUGH THE MFA INFORMATION DOES NOT SO
STATE, WE UNDERSTAND THE HOURS FOR PAYING LAST RESPECTS WILL
EXTEND THROUGH 0700 SUNDAY, NOV 23.)

2. "SOLEMN RITES" - A FUNERAL MASS WITH THE COFFIN PRESENT
WILL BE HELD AT 1000 SUNDAY, NOV 23. THE KING AND
QUEEN WILL BE PRESENT. THIS MASS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PLAZA
DE ORIENTE FRONTING THE ROYAL PALACE.

-- THE DRESS FOR THE FUNERAL CEREMONY IS THE
FOLLOWING: FORMAL UNIFORM WITH A BLACK ARM BAND AND CREPE
ON THE SWORD OR DAGGER, OR FULL DRESS (TAILS) WITH DECORATIONS
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AND WHITE TIE, BLACK VEST, AND BLACK GLOVES. LADIES MAY

WEAR SHORT OR LONG DRESS AT THEIR OPTION. HOWEVER, LONG DRESS IS CONSIDERED MORE SUITABLE. IT IS PLANNED THAT LADIES CAN ATTEND FUNERAL MASS ONLY IF THEY ARE OFFICIAL DELEGATES OR WIVES OF RESIDENT AMBASSADORS.

3. FUNERAL PROCESSION - FOLLOWING THE FUNERAL MASS THE CASKET WILL BE TAKEN IN A CEREMONIAL PROCESSION TO THE "VICTORY ARCH" WHERE THE OFFICIAL MOURNING CEREMONY WILL END. (DISTANCE BETWEEN ROYAL PALACE AND "VICTORY ARCH" IS APPROXIMATELY TWO AND ONE-QUARTER KILOMETERS OR ABOUT ONE AND ONE-THIRD MILES.) FRANCO WILL BE BURIED LATER THE SAME DAY IN THE VALLEY OF THE FALLEN. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE VISITING DIGNITARIES WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE ACTUAL INTERMENT.

4. THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF JUAN CARLOS WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY NOV 22 AT 1230 IN THE PALACE OF THE "CORTES" IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLED "CORTES" AND THE COUNCIL OF THE REALM.

-- THE DRESS WILL BE CUTAWAY, STRIPED TROUSERS, GLOVES IF CARRIED WILL BE GREY, AND NORMAL FOUR-IN-HAND TIE.

-- BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS ONLY THE HEAD OF THE FOREIGN DELEGATION WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY AND ACT OF PROCLAMATION AS KING.

5. WE STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION ON THE THURSDAY, NOV 27, MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE MFA REQUESTS THAT THE FOREIGN DELEGATIONS BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE PERSONS WHO WILL BE ACCREDITED TO THE REGENCY COUNCIL.
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